A fond farewell to five fantastic fleets

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Last month, American Airlines announced plans to accelerate the retirement of some older, less fuel-efficient aircraft from its fleet sooner than originally planned. As flying schedules and aircraft needs are fine-tuned during this period of record low demand, American will take the unique step of retiring a total of five aircraft types.

American has officially retired the Embraer E190 and Boeing 767 fleets, which were originally scheduled to retire by the end of 2020. The airline has also accelerated the retirement of its Boeing 757s and Airbus A330-300s. Additionally, American is retiring 19 Bombardier CRJ200 aircraft operated by PSA Airlines.

These changes remove operating complexity and will bring forward cost savings and efficiencies associated with operating fewer aircraft types. It will also help American focus on flying more advanced aircraft as we continue receiving new deliveries of the Airbus A321neo and the Boeing 737 MAX and 787 family. American's narrowbody fleet also becomes more simplified with just two cockpit types – the Airbus A320 and the Boeing 737 families. This benefits American's operational performance through training efficiency and streamlined maintenance.

American continues to evaluate its schedule and remains committed to caring for customers on life's journey. These changes will help American continue to provide a reliable travel experience around the world, even during these uncertain times.

Here's a snapshot of the aircraft exiting American's fleet:

Airbus A330-300 — Blue Sky News/Pittsburgh International Airport

Airbus A330-300
- Flew mainly trans-Atlantic routes, with some domestic service.

Boeing 757-200

- Joined the America West fleet in 1987 and American in 1989.
- 34 757-200s in the fleet as of Jan. 1, 2020.
- Flew mostly mainland domestic and Hawaii routes, with some trans-Atlantic and Latin America service.

Boeing 767-300ER

- 17 767-300ERs in the fleet as of Jan. 1, 2020.
- Flew mainly trans-Atlantic routes, with some domestic, Hawaii and Latin America service.

Embraer E190 — Blue Sky News/Pittsburgh International Airport

- Joined the US Airways fleet in 2006 prior to joining American’s fleet in 2013.
- 20 E190s in the fleet as of Jan. 1, 2020.
- Flew domestic routes, with extensive support for American Airlines Shuttle.
A Bombardier CRJ-200 aircraft operated by PSA Airlines. Bombardier CRJ200

- Joined the PSA Airlines fleet in 2003.
- Flew domestic routes on the East Coast, with service primarily from American's hubs in Charlotte, North Carolina; Washington, D.C.; and Philadelphia.